# St Benedict Voice



## Weekly Newsletter, St Benedict Mission, Saltley

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## 2ND SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST




## SUNDAY READINGS

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| **16/03/25 - 3rd Sunday of Great Fast** | |
| Gen 7: 6 - 24, Josh 5: 13 - 6:5, Rom 7: 14 - 25, Mt 20: 17 – 28 | |
| **23/03/25 - 4th Sunday of Great Fast** | |
| Gen 12: 1 - 9, Josh 7: 10 - 15, Rom 8: 12 - 17, Mt 21: 33 – 44 | |
| **30/03/25 - 5th Sunday of Great Fast** | |
| Gen 16:6-16, Josh 9:16-27, Rom 12:1-11, Jn 7:37-39, 8:12-20 | |
| **06/04/25 - 6th Sunday of Great Fast** | |
| Gen 19: 15-26, Josh 21: 43-22: 5, Rom 14: 13-23, Jn 10: 11-18 | |

## READINGS AND CHURCH CLEANING

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| **16/03/25 - Holy Family Unit** |
| **23/03/25 - St. Mother Theresa Unit** |
| **30/03/25 - The Immaculate Conception Unit** |
| **06/04/25 - St. Alphonsa Unit** |

## FAMILY UNIT PRAYER MEETING

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| **13/03/25 - THU:** Sacred Heart Unit at 7 PM |
| **15/03/25 - SAT:** Infant Jesus Unit at 5:30 PM |
| **15/03/25 - SAT:** St. Rita Unit at 6 PM |
| **15/03/25 - SAT:** St. Padre Pio Unit at 7:15 PM |
| **16/03/25 - SUN:** St. Sebastian Unit at 6 PM |
| **18/03/25 - TUE:** Holy Trinity Unit at 6 PM |

## SEASON OF THE GREAT FAST

The Passion, Death and Resurrection (The Paschal Mystery) that culminates the salvation event, take place at the end of Jesus' public life. ***The seven weeks between the Season of Epiphany and the Feast of Easter are set aside for prayer, penance and fasting.*** The base for the season known as the Great Fast, is the 'forty days fast' of Jesus. We normally call this season as 'fifty days fast'. It is known as 'fifty days fast' may be from the practice of the observance of this fast from the Pethurtha Sunday to the Easter Sunday by the St. Thomas Christians. The Syriac term pethurtha signifies 'to put an end' and 'turning back'. What is meant by this term is to indicate that the days of sumptuous food and celebrations are over. ***It is on the Wednesday of fourth week that we commemorate the half of the Great Fast. This Wednesday particularly reminds us to find solutions for the drawbacks of our life, to get identified with the Paschal Mystery of Jesus and to live more faithfully in the grace of fasting***. This season teaches us that the craze for material wealth causes sin. The wealth which is God's gift is to be properly used and to be shared with others. The salvation experience is received through repentance, prayer, fasting and acts of charity. This season also gives us the inner vision that we become the true disciples when we accept God as the wealth, like the apostles who followed Jesus renouncing everything. Salvation is received only when we confess sin. Those who throw away the dirty mantle of sin can follow Christ. The Church teaches that our sanctification is God's will and our sanctification is possible only through Jesus Christ who offered His life – the Body and Blood – for us to the Father. Our body tempts us to do the undesired evil, but to live without sinning is a great suffering. The season of Great Fast demands us to suffer for the sanctification of our whole life. The sufferings that we face and the sacrifices we do help us to grow in faith and to get united with Christ. ***The Church teaches us that only when we stay together faithfully to the sufferings of Christ, we can enter into the joy and peace of the Resurrection of Christ.***

## MISSION MEMBER REGISTRATION

New Families or Persons who wish to Register in this mission, please approach **Fr.Fanzwa** and introduce yourself.

St. Benedict Mission Member Registration Form:

Are you a UK taxpayer? UK taxpayers can sign up to Gift Aid and we can collect 25% more from your offerings! Please see Fr. Fanzwa for details.

Gift Aid Declaration Form, Standing Order Form:
Please use the links for the respective forms.

## SMYM

**SMYM** gathering will be on every ***FOURTH SATURDAY*** of the month. Next gathering will be on ***SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH*** after the Holy Mass at 10 am. Welcoming all the children from Year 11 onwards to participate.

## CML & SAVIO FRIENDS

**CML & SAVIO Friends** next gathering will be on ***SATURDAY, 29TH MARCH*** after the Holy Mass at 10 am. Welcoming all children from ***Year 1 to Year 10***. All parents please encourage your children and take effort to send them regularly to participate in all children's activities.

## MASS SCHEDULE

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| **MON**- 10/03/25 | **06:45 am**<br>10:00 am | **Holy Qurbana**<br>Latin Mass |
| **TUE** - 11/03/25 | **06:45 am**<br>10:00 am | **Holy Qurbana**<br>Latin Mass |
| **WED** - 12/03/25 | **06:45 am**<br>**07:00 pm** | **Holy Qurbana**<br>**Holy Qurbana, Perpetual Succour Novena, Adoration** |
| **THU** - 13/03/25 | **06:45 am**<br>10:00 am | **Holy Qurbana**<br>Latin Mass |
| **FRI** - 14/03/25 | **06:45 am**<br>**07:00 pm** | **Holy Qurbana**<br>**WAY OF THE CROSS** *lead by Holy Family, Holy trinity & St. Alphonsa Units*<br>**Holy Qurbana, Adoration** |
| **SAT** - 15/03/25 | 10:00 am | Latin Mass |
| **SUN** - 16/03/25<br><br>**3RD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST** | 09:30 am<br><br>**09:30 am**<br>**11:00 am** | Latin Holy Mass<br><br>**Catechism** *In School*<br>**HOLY QURBANA**<br>***PRATHINIDHI YOGAM*** |

**Offertory Collections**:
**Sunday, 02/03/25 - £ 157.09**

Many thanks to all your generous contribution...

**Refreshments after Qurbana. All are Welcome .**
**NO Drinks or Refreshments allowed inside the Church.**

## Dates for Diary

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| MARCH 19TH - WEDNESDAY | FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH |
| APRIL 5TH - SATURDAY | WOMEN'S FORUM |
| APRIL 13TH - SUNDAY | PALM SUNDAY |
| APRIL 17TH - THURSDAY | MAUNDY THURSDAY |
| APRIL 18TH - FRIDAY | GOOD FRIDAY |
| APRIL 20TH – SUNDAY | EASTER SUNDAY |
| MAY 11TH - SUNDAY | POTHU YOGAM |
| MAY 24TH - SATURDAY | FIRST HOLY COMMUNION |
| MAY 31ST - SATURDAY | AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE |
| JUNE 21ST - SATURDAY | SPORTS DAY |
| JULY 3RD - TUESDAY | DUKHRANA |
| JULY 4,5,6 – FRI,SAT,SUN | PARISH FEAST |

## CATECHISM

**N**ext Catechism class will be on **16th MARCH 2025**. The school gate will be open from **9.20 am to 9.30 am.** Catechism will finish with Holy Qurbana at 11:00 am. All children should participate in Qurbana. Children are not allowed to leave the church premises until and unless parents get permission from the Class teacher or Head teacher in advance.

After the Holy Qurbana, parents are requested to come forward to collect their Children in Year 1 to Year 6 please.

Please note, from this Academic Year, **Youth classes** will be arranged on different topics during catechism hours for children from Y12 and Youth until 25 years**.**

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** of children in our Mission will be on **24th May 2025**. Preparation classes will be on usual Sundays after the Holy Qurbana.

**MUST NOT Park or Stop on Yellow lines.**

Please don't drop your children in front of the church for catechism. Please use the Parkfield road or Car park in B8 1EP. Kindly follow the instructions by volunteers.

**A**ll new families who wish to send their children for catechism should **register** their details. For Registration, please contact Head Teacher **JINI – 07576840870.**

## CAR PARKING ON SUNDAYS

**NO Car Parking** in Church premises on Sunday's due to health and safety concerns. Please use the Parkfield road or Car park in B8 1EP. Car Park which is next to the Mosque will be open on **Sundays**.

**Please note:**
There is separate **Entry** and **Exit for** the Car Park**.** Car Park Post Code **: B8 1EP.**



**Slot for Units to lead Kurishinte Vazhi 2025**
**(Fridays at 7:00pm)**

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| Sacred Heart unit &<br>The Immaculate Conception unit | 07/03/2025 |
| Holy Family unit,<br>Holy Trinity unit &<br>St. Alphonsa unit | 14/03/2025 |
| Infant Jesus unit,<br>St Rita unit &<br>St Joseph Unit | 21/03/2025 |
| Holy Rosary unit,<br>St Mary's unit &<br>St Mother Theresa unit | 28/03/2025 |
| Ave Maria unit &<br>St Sebastian unit | 04/04/2025 |
| Padre Pio unit,<br>St Theresa unit &<br>St Thomas unit | 11/04/2025 |

## NEWS & UPDATES

**THANK YOU, REV. FR. JOMON KAIPADAKUNNEL VC :** Thankyou Fr. Jomon, members of Missionaries of Apostolic Grace and all who took efforts in attending our annual retreat. May you cherish the new experience and start fresh by praying Davids's psalm, "Do not cast me and my family away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me and my family."

**PRATHINIDHI YOGAM :** **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH** we will have Prathindhi Yogam at Mariam House after the Holy Qurbana. All members are requested to attend the meeting.

**LENT SEASON:** There will be Extra Holy Qurbana during the lent season at **6:45 AM** on weekdays. Priest will be available for confession after every Holy Mass. Try your best to utilise the facility to attend Holy Qurbana every day during the Lent. Children who are attending Holy Mass every day during the Lent will be recognised and awarded on Easter Vigil.

**KURISHINTE VAZHI :** There will be Kurishinte Vazhi lead by family units on every ***Friday in the Church at 7 pm***. Requesting all family units to take initiative ***to lead the Kurishinte Vazhi*** on their allocated date.

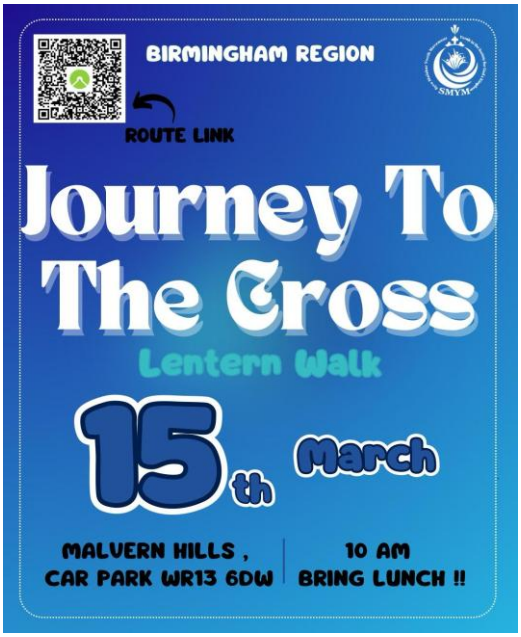
**WORD OF GOD CHALLENGE:** As Lent is here, encourage all children and families to take part in the Word of God Challenge. A challenge to memorise one word of God and learn to put into practice. **Fr. Fanzwa** will post a bible verse both in Malayalam and English every day during these 50 days of Lent. Let us take it as a challenge and at end of Lent there will be test and prizes will be given out.

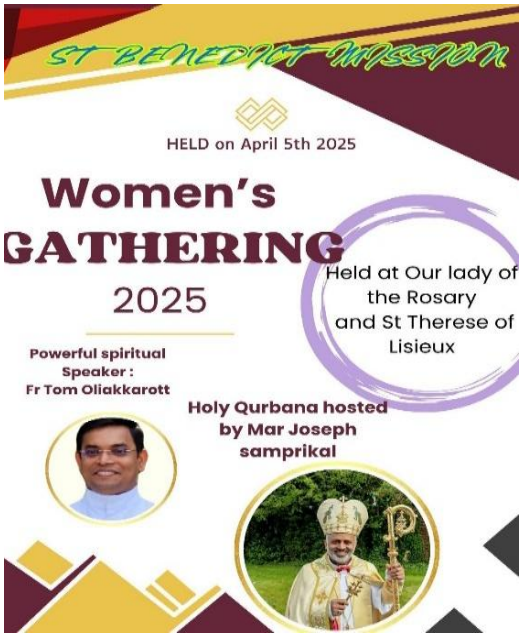
**CML PENNY COLLECTION:** During the Lent season, CML Commission is organizing a Penny Collection(coin collection) to support our Diocese's Seminarians. Please find the flyer below for additional details. Requesting your prayers and full participation in this noble cause.

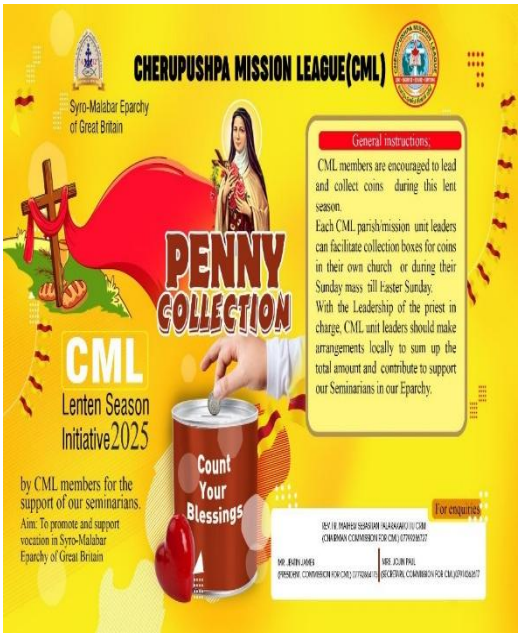
**HOUSE BLESSING AND VISIT :** *Fr. Fanzwa Pathil* will like to visit all families in our mission in coming months. Father can only be available on Fridays, due to busy schedules for the very reasons you are aware of. Your Unit leaders will contact you in future to arrange this visit. Unit leaders are requested to select the convenient dates and do the necessary arrangements.

**WOMEN'S FORUM:** Celebrating ***Women's Day and Nurses Day on April 5th, 2025***. Holy Qurbana will be celebrated by **His *Excellency Mar Joseph Srampickal*** *and* ***Rev. Fr. Tom Olikkarottu*** will be the guest speaker. Sneha Virunnu and cultural activities will be organised for the day. Encourage all women of our mission to participate.

**AYLESFORD PILGRIMAGE 2025:** Our Annual Pilgrimage to Aylesford will be on ***SATURDAY, 31st MAY.*** A coach has arranged for the transportation and is now fully booked. It's not feasible to hire a second coach as there is not enough people to join . Apologies to those people were in the waiting list, please do make your own arrangements.





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